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James C. ALEXANDER, *et al.* : Group Art Unit: 3671
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For: SPRING COUNTERBALANCE METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR VARIABLY BIASING A DOCK LEVELER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This response is to the non-final Office Action mailed December 10, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 11, 2005 (April 10, falls on a Sunday) with a one-month extension of time requested herein. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS	10	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	10 minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input type="checkbox"/>

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RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE	375.00	OR BASIC FEE	750.00
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X42=		OR X84=	
+140=		OR +280=	
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	750

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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Independent	* 4	Minus	*** 5 = 1	
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SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN
OR SMALL ENTITY

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X42=		OR X84=	200
+140=		OR +280=	
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Independent	*	Minus	*** =	
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X42=		OR X84=	
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X42=		OR X84=	
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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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